

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. New claim 31 has been added to the application. Therefore, claims 1-31 are at issue.

This amendment adds no new matter. Claim 31 is supported by the original claims.

The Office Action dated July 9, 2009 requires applicant to elect one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-27, directed to a method of imparting corrosion resistance to a score line of an easily openable metal can end;

Group II, claim 28, directed to an easily openable can end prepared by the method of claim 1;

Group III, claim 29, directed to an easily openable can end having a score line coated with a radiation cured coating of claim 1; and

Group IV, claim 30, directed to a metal container having an easily openable can end prepared by the method of claim 1.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of examiner's Group I, namely, claims 1 through 27, inclusive, without traverse, for examination on the merits at this time.

The examiner also has issued an election of species requirement. Accordingly, applicant elects the following species without traverse:

- (a) difunctional compound - a diepoxy compound;
- (b) photoinitiator - a sulfonium salt; and
- (c) monofunctional reactive diluent - an epoxy compound.

Claims readable on the elected invention include claims 1-10, 14-19, 21-27, and 31.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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